Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Passports are issued to local residents by the Union Territory Administration. Their Statewise location is as under:

Andhra Pradesh	1	
Assam	1	
Bihar	1	
Goa	1	
Gujarat	1	
Himachal Pradesh	1	(Liaison Office)
Jammu & Kashmir	1	
Karnataka	1	
Kerala	3	(Two Passport Offices and one Passport Liaison Office)
Madhya Pradesh	1	
Maharashtra	1	
Orissa	1	
Punjab	2	
Rajasthan	1	
Tamilnadu	2	
Uttar Pradesh	2	
West Bengal	1	
Union Territory of Delhi	1	
Union Territory of Andaman & Nicobar Islands	1	(Managed by the Union Territory Administration)

(c) 1,337 (includes 10 part-time).

(d) At present there is no proposal under consideration to open more Regional Passport Offices in the country. As regards increase in staff, some posts in the passport offices are vacant at present and action is being taken to fill the same.

Import of technology

403. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN :
SHRI M. A. BABY :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what is the opinion of the Electronics Commission so far as the import of technology is concerned; and

(b) whether Government support the stand of the Electronics Commission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL) : (a) In the document 'ELECTRONICS POLICY & GROWTH OBJECTIVES 1988—91' recently endorsed by the Electronics Commission, while the primary thrust is on supporting innovation and rewarding local enterprises, it is not considered that local Research Design and Development (RD&D) and import of technology are mutually exclusive. The policy recommends an approach wherein the local RD&D and import of technology are brought together closely to share their mutual strength and jointly improve their competitive edge worldwide. Selective approach in allowing technology import is also proposed in this document.

(b) The Electronics Policy document, which was recently endorsed by the Electronics Commission is currently being submitted to the Government for consideration and acceptance.

Amount to Andhra Pradesh for implementation of 20-point programme

404. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY : Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount of money provided to Andhra Pradesh to accelerate the 20-Point Programme during the last three years;